

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully submits all of the claims of this application are in condition for prompt allowance. The current Office Action indicates that claims 9-11 and 14-19 are allowable. The Office Action also indicates that dependent claim 24, which depends from independent claim 20, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claim 20 to include the limitations of claim 24, which has been canceled. The remaining claims 1-8 have been canceled.

Given that all of the claims remaining in the present application contain allowable subject matter, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of the current Office Action be withdrawn.

Additionally, while the Office Action provides a statement of reasons for allowance, the Office Action's statement of reasons for allowance is directed to specific aspects of certain claims and not necessarily all of the claims. Applicant notes that the Office Action's comments may have paraphrased the language of the claims and it should be understood that the language of the claims themselves set out the scope of the claims. Thus, it is noted that the claim language should be viewed in light of the exact language of the claim rather than any paraphrasing or implied limitations thereof.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the rejections and objections have been overcome. If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Thomas Ferrill at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,
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